**Vocational training schools in Assam**

410. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government funded vocational training schools functioning at present in Assam;

(b) the details of financial assistance given to these schools during the last three years; artd

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) At present 150 vocational schools at +2 level are functioning in the State of Assam.

(b) The details of the grant released by Central Government to the State of Assam during last 3 years is given below:—

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| 1999-2000 | Rs. 208.88 lakhs |
| 2000-01 | Rs. 28.57 lakhs |
| 2001-02 | Nil |

(c) The Central assistance is being provided to State Governments based on their requirements and also considering the utilization position of earlier grants released.

**KVs and NVs in Assam**

411. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria fixed by Government to open Central Schools/ Navodaya Vidyalayas and Open Schools in Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to set up new Central Schools/ Navodaya Vidyalayas and Open Schools in Assam during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA): (a) Proposals for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalaya in Civil/Defence Sector are considered

only if sponsored by the Ministries or Departments of Government of India/State Government/UT Administration/organisation of employees belonging to eligible categories, subject to fulfilment of terms and conditions which *inter-alia* include availability of 15 acres of land free of cost, concentration of atleast 1000 employees of Central Government/Defence Services, availability of atleast 200 children for admission to various classes, rent free temporary accommodation for running the Vidyalaya until permanent building comes up and provision of residential accommodation to atleast 50% of staff of proposed Kendriya Vidyalaya at the station concerned. Opening of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas, one per district, is considered if preferably 30 acres of suitable land free of cost is made available; and rent free sufficient buildings and other infrastructure temporary or on permanent basis capable of accommodating 240 students and staff for three to four years for running the Vidyalaya is provided till the Samiti constructs its own building at the permanent site. The land for permanent building should have technical clearance after verifying the suitability of land. The open schools at State level are not opened by Central Government. However, as per the policy adopted by NOS a total grant of Rs. 25 lakhs can be provided to any State Government intending to establish State Open Schools.

(b) and (c) Due to budgetary constraints, no new Kendriya Vidyalaya is being opened at present. NVS plans to open 3 new schools in Assam during Tenth Five Year Plan. In so far as Open Schools are concerned NOS gives only grant to states if they want to establish State level Open Schools.

**FDI in education sector**

412. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'ULAN': SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding more foreign capital investment in the education sector of the country is under consideration of Government;